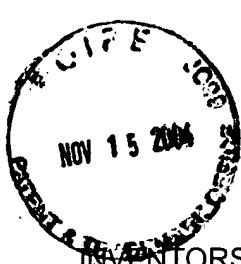


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RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to the 45-day letter mailed September 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the attached Declaration.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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